

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

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Before me, Martha B. Joiner, the undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared A. B. Bristow, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is A. B. Bristow. I am 86 years of age and have lived in Shelby County, Alabama, all of my life and have all along been familiar with the following described land and the persons in possession of it. Said land being described as follows:

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 16, Township 22, Range 1 West,  
Shelby County, Alabama.

My first vivid recollection of the above described land was about the year 1893 when Abbie R. wells, being one and the same person as A. R. Wells, purchased the land and cleared it and about this time, the Alabama Mineral Railroad was putting through its track there and he was plowing the land and the train came by and scared his horse and it ran into the train and wrecked it. Affiant says it is his information and understanding that Thomas J. Wells, the father of A.R. wells, owned the land immediately prior to the time A. R. wells owned it and occupied said land and lived in the house on adjoining property <sup>all being one farm house</sup> which was an old house more than 20 years old when I first remember it. A. R. Wells tended the above described land and lived in the house adjoining this land in Section 17, each and every year he owned it until he sold the same to P.H. Hardaman and his wife in 1900. P.H. Hardaman lived on land located in Section 17 which adjoins the above described land and tended the above land and grew grass on it and harvested the hay each and every year until he sold the same to J. P. Bierly in 1910. Hardaman and his wife lived on adjoining land for several years and then moved away and went to work for T.C.I.

Affiant is not familiar with J.P. Bierley's ownership of the land.

Affiant does remember the land when it belonged to W. E. Harrison and affiant remembers that there was a Tax Sale in the name W.E. Harrison which covered the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of said forty and remembers when the sale was cancelled and recalls that soon after the same was cancelled, Karl C. Harrison, son of W. E. Harrison, took charge of the land for his father and then for his father's estate and has looked after it and said estate has owned it until this very day. Affiant recalls about the year 1944 or 1945, Henry Bristow, affiant's son and affiant were running a sawmill and timber operation and we cut the poles from the land and paid Karl C. Harrison for it for said Estate. I also recall about the year 1952, Karl C. Harrison, who was acting for said Estate, required an adjoining property owner

to move their fence off the above described land and I know he has been actively looking after the land since that time and said Estate has claimed to own it since the time W. E. Harrison purchased the same up until this very day. I have never heard of anyone contesting their title or disputing their possession through or that of the persons/whom they claim during all the time I have known said land.

A. B. Bristow  
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Sworn to and subscribed to before me on  
this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1962.

Martha B. James  
Notary Public

State of Alabama

Shelby County

Before me, Martha B. James, the Undersigned authority in and for said County in said State, personally appeared Henry S. Bristow, who, after being by me first duly sworn to speak the truth, deposes and says:

My name is Henry S. Bristow. I am 60 years of age and have been living in Shelby County, Alabama, all of my life and have all along been familiar with the land described in the above affidavit of my father, A. B. Bristow. Since the time I can first remember the land/to the present date, I would say the same thing as my father has regarding the land and ownership of it. However, I would add that I recall when J. P. Bierly owned the land and about the year 1915 he was living in the house on Section 17 adjoining the above land and I went to his home to get him to do some carpenter work for me. I know he continued to live on this land and to cultivate portions of said 20 acres for several years after 1915.

Henry S. Bristow  
Henry S. Bristow

Sworn to and subscribed to before me on  
this the 20 day of November, 1962.

Martha B. James  
Notary Public

STATE OF ALA. SHELBY CO.  
I CERTIFY THIS INSTRUMENT  
WAS FILED ON 10/24/62  
RECORDED & \$ 10.00 M.C. TAX  
& \$ 10.00 DEED TAX HAS BEEN  
PD. ON THIS INSTRUMENT.

Conrad M. James  
JUDGE OF PROBATE